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To: Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Fred Dyson; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Bill Wielechowski

Subject: Senate Bill 176

Senators,

I am writing to ask you to vote AGAINST Senate Bill 176. While I understand fully that the Second Amendment gives us the right to bear arms (and my family owns guns and hunts), I do not believe this means that guns belong in every environment. Three of my four children are currently attending the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Fortunately they do not live on campus. I cannot imagine feeling comfortable sending my child off to college to live in a dormitory with 18-year old freshmen who are away from home for the first time, with little supervision, very likely in the presence of alcohol and/or drugs, and GUNS. What a nightmare combination! I am very aware of the terrible gun-related tragedies that have occurred on school campuses over the past few years and I realize that the proponents of this bill would like to be in a position to stop a possible incident. However, I think it has been well-proven that the greatest danger presented by handguns is not to the bad guys but in accidental shootings of innocent people. How could the University possibly enforce any restrictions they might be allowed to use? If they were allowed to require that guns in dormitories were kept in a locked safe, how would this be enforced? Does the University have money to hire extra security to ensure that guns are stored properly? President Gamble made a compelling argument in stating that elementary school students frequently visit the campuses and it would be impossible to keep them safe. It is not unusual for college students to experience depression. Is the University prepared to deal with parents' lawsuits when a depressed student finds his roommate's gun and uses it on himself?

I believe that guns have their place. The University campus is NOT one of those places.

Sincerely,

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